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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Hans-Joachim Barth, et al.	)	
	)	Examiner: Velasquez, Vanessa T.
Serial No. 10/512,016	)	
	)	Group Art Unit No. 4116
Filing Date: June 27, 2005	)	
	)	Confirmation No. 8447
For METHOD FOR FABRICATING	)	
THIN METAL-CONTAINING	)	
LAYERS HAVING LOW	)	
ELECTRICAL RESISTANCE	)	

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 8, 2008, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.